Edward Thomas: from Adlestrop to Arras

The Edward Thomas Fellowship and the War Poets Association
will present
Sir Martin Gilbert and Dr Jean Moorcroft Wilson
on
Saturday 13th November 2010 at 3:00 p.m.
at
The Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HZ

Sir Martin Gilbert: THE BATTLE OF ARRAS

'I shall miss something that historians can rake out of the ashes' (Edward Thomas)

Dr Jean Moorcroft Wilson: EDWARD THOMAS: FROM ADLESTROP TO ARRAS

How did Edward Thomas, whose best-known poem 'Adlestrop' is about an unaccustomed stop at a deserted country station, come to join the ranks of the greatest First World War poets? Had he, for example, sailed with Robert Frost to America in February 1915 (as he seriously contemplated doing) his story and his work would have been very different. Instead, in July 1915, after months of indecision, he enlisted and by late January 1917 was in France. Just over two months later he was dead, killed on the first day of the Battle of Arras, 9 April 1917. The story of his vacillations and of his eventual enlistment is of particular interest, highlighting as it does the myriad different reasons why men like Thomas -- 'doubting Thomas' -- finally decided to fight.

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